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PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY TRH PRINCESS BEATRIX AND PRINCE CLAUS
OF THE NETHERLANDS

Their Royal Highnesses Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands are to make an official visit to Australia from 26 May to 6 June, 1978.

While in Australia they will visit Western Australia, Canberra, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland in that order before leaving for overseas.

Detailed arrangements for the visit are being planned in consultation with the State authorities and the program of engagements in the States will be announced by the State authorities concerned in due course.

The Acting Prime Minister said that the visit was a further indication of the warm relationship existing between Australia and the Netherlands and would continue the series of high level visits which had taken place in recent years.

At a time of difficulties in international economic relations it was important to recall the close bonds that existed between the people of Australia and Western Europe. The visit by Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus would serve to strengthen those bonds.
